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Subject: Ranson WV follow up - Rockwool

You will recall that Matt Ward, environmental lawyer and CEO of Sustainable Strategies DC, has been engaged in the Rockwool plant issue by the City of Ranson.

On 8/10 Matt Ward emailed EPA scientist Susan Fairchild down at RT (copying me) to request consultation with her "or appropriate staff at EPA" regarding the proposed Rockwool project. Susan worked on the Mineral Wool NESHAP. R3 staff spoke with Susan, who agrees that R3 has the lead on Rockwool issues but agreed to speak with Matt if R3 determined she should.

As I stated at Rockwell's meeting in Shepherdstown last week, where Matt was in attendance, EPA has reviewed the permit written by DEP and provided comment (EPA's was the only comment, curiously), and the DEP has responded to those comments to EPA's satisfaction. EPA has examined the permit and determined it to be written and executed within the law and considers it viable.

As I understand it, EPA has no further role in this process/project until its time to review an operational permit, which will be required post-construction.

I propose to call Matt Ward myself and reiterate EPA's role at this stage, and advise him to engage with DEP on permitting questions. If we think necessary or helpful, we can broker (with APD) any requests he may have on scientific studies with Susan Fairchild.

~Mark